

## RESERVATION POLICY FOR ADMISSION TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AFFILIATED TO CENTRAL UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE OF ASSAM

Educational institutions in Assam affiliated with a **Central University** (such as Assam University) primarily follow the **Government of India (GoI) reservation policy**. This applies to both the central universities themselves and their constituent units or affiliated institutions that receive central aid.

**STANDARD RESERVATION QUOTAS:** As of the 2026-27 academic session, the standard reservation of seats is as follows:

1. **Scheduled Castes (SC):** 15%.
  2. **Scheduled Tribes (ST):** 7.5%.
  3. **Other Backward Classes (OBC - Non-Creamy Layer):** 27%.
  4. **Economically Weaker Sections (EWS):** 10%.
  5. **Persons with Disabilities (PwD):** 5% horizontal reservation (within each category).
- **Internal Student Reservation:** Assam University reserves **50% of seats** in certain courses (like M.Com and M. Ed.) for its internal students—those who graduated from its own affiliated colleges.
  - **Supernumerary Seats**
  - **Mark Relaxation:** Most central institutions in Assam offer a **5% relaxation** in minimum qualifying marks for candidates from reserved categories (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PwD).
  - **Age Relaxation:** Reserved category students typically receive an upper age limit relaxation of **5 years**.

The standard percentages for admission to state institutions (revised as of recent Cabinet decisions) are:

- **Other Backward Classes (OBC/MOBC):** 27% (This 27% quota includes specific sub-reservations for six communities: **Tai Ahom, Chutia, Moran, Matak, Koch Rajbongshi, and Tea Tribes**).
- **Scheduled Tribes (Plains) [ST(P)]:** 10%.
- **Scheduled Castes (SC):** 7%.
- **Scheduled Tribes (Hills) [ST(H)]:** 5%.
- **Economically Weaker Sections (EWS):** 10% (Applicable to those not covered under SC/ST/OBC and with family income below ₹8 lakh per annum).
- **Persons with Disabilities (PwD):** 5% horizontal reservation.

Individual state universities may have additional "institutional quotas":

- **Extra-Curricular Quotas:** Colleges typically earmark up to **5% of seats** for:
  - **Sports Persons:** 2% (for recognized state/district representation).
  - **NCC/Scouts & Guides:** 1%.
  - **Cultural Activities:** 1%.
  - **Wards of Employees:** 1%.
- **Merit-First Principle:** Reservation is in addition to any seats a candidate may secure on pure **merit** in the open category.
- **No Discretionary Quota:** Principals or college authorities do **not** have a "discretionary quota" to fill seats at their own will.
- **Fee Waiver Scheme:** Students with an annual parental income below **₹4 lakh** (admitted under various categories) are eligible for admission and tuition **fee waivers** in state colleges/universities.

Henceforth, the college authority should declare the numbers of seat to be offered for admission in each stream at the beginning.